

# The Pacific Commercial Advertiser

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, January 8.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, .16.  
Temperature, Max. 74; Min. 67. Weather, variable.

SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.55c.; Per Ton, \$71.  
88 Analysis Beets, 8s, 8.1-4d.; Per Ton, \$76.20.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1907.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## THEY RAISE AND REDUCE

### The New Supervisors in Long and Busy Session.

The new Board of Supervisors met last night and by 11:20, the time of adjournment, had got fairly going.

A creditable evening's work was done and things went smoothly. Now and again a healthy spirit of opposition was made manifest, but there were no serious hitches and no intentional stumbling blocks were thrown in the way of the transaction of the county's business.

A large number of salaries were passed upon and only two reductions made. But one head fell into the basket, that of Harry Wooten, road department engineer. A number of raises were made and several appointments confirmed.

Chairman Hustace had the table well in hand and his occasional suggestions were in nearly every instance acted upon. In the matter of retrenchment he took the stand that it would be the height of unwisdom to cripple departments or to curtail the salaries of competent individuals who were giving satisfaction.

The passing of the estimates for the month was an important item of the business of the session.

#### THE CROWD.

Among those present were Chairman Hustace, Supervisor-at-large Harvey, Supervisors Fern, Cox, Archer, Dwight, Kealoha, Clerks Kalaokalani, Buffandau, Hanalei, Stenographer Aea, Deputy County Attorney Olson, W. Lane, W. L. Frazee, W. Ellis, Capt. Sam Johnson, H. Auld, Auditor Bicknell, County Engineer Gere, Paale, Fire Chief Thurston, Constable Lake, Sam Macy, Charley Clark, George Sea.

The meeting was late coming to order, a long preliminary pow-wow in the corridor being indulged in by the new officials. When seats were finally taken the incident was signaled by the opening of a box of cigars.

#### OVERSEER KEKAUOHA.

The first thing done was the election of a road overseer for the district of Koolauloa. Harvey nominated J. K. Kalona and Cox named Geo. Kekauoha. Kekauoha was elected by a vote of 5 to 2, Harvey and Fern voting "no."

#### LEASE AND BONDS.

Deputy County Attorney Olson presented a lease of the county offices which he had prepared. This was accepted and signed by the chairman. The rent is \$1800 a year.

The bonds of several county officials were inspected and accepted. The bond of John Fernandez, Deputy Sheriff of Ewa, was referred back to the sureties for a lacking affidavit.

The question of salaries next came up.

#### THEY GET A RAISE.

The following raises of salaries were made:

D. Hanalei, clerk in County Clerk's office, from \$75 to \$80 per month.

Chris Lewis, messenger in County Clerk's office, from \$30 to \$40 per month.

Sol. Mahelona, clerk in Auditor's office, from \$120 to \$125 per month.

M. G. K. Hopkins, clerk in Treasurer's office, from \$120 to \$125 per month.

#### SMALLER PAY ENVELOPES.

The following reductions of salaries were made:

Miss Mary Ah Chuck, stenographer in County Clerk's office, from \$100 to \$80 per month. Miss Ah Chuck succeeds Miss Perkins.

T. P. Cummings, bookkeeper in road department, from \$150 to \$125 per month.

#### THE DULL THUD.

It was decided to dispense with the services of Harry Wooten, engineer in road department, who has been drawing \$150 per month.

#### APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

The following appointments were confirmed:

H. A. Johnson, assistant in County Engineer's office, at \$150 per month.

R. Kalaokalani and A. Jones, chainmen to County Engineer, at \$25 per month.

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## ENDORSE THE CONFERENCE

### The Panpacific Consular Convention Warmly Favored.

The Merchants' Association met yesterday afternoon at 3:40 for the purpose of discussing the Panpacific Consular Conference and the form of a corporation return to make to the territorial treasurer, in order to comply with the Supreme Court decision in the test case given not long ago. Objection is made to the form adopted by the treasurer as calling for matters not required by the law as construed by the court.

The meeting proceeded without the minutes of the last meeting having been read. This formality was omitted owing to the lateness of the hour.

The chair called on H. T. Wills, traveling representative and one of the editors of the New York Commercial, the leading commercial daily of New York City, to say a few words anent the proposed Panpacific Conference. Mr. Wills is a retired merchant who is keenly interested in the foreign commerce of the country. His work in connection with his paper is taking him all over the world.

Mr. Wills expressed himself as heartily in favor of the conference. He said that it would give manufacturers a chance to know more of commercial conditions existing in Hawaii. The opportunity afforded for consuls to confer together would make for the extension of trade. Manufacturers would be enabled to get in touch with the consuls and more information relating to trade conditions here would be gleaned than could result from all the letters that might be written. The geographical position of Hawaii fully warranted such a conference.

The speaker said that such a conference could undoubtedly be brought about if the merchants' endorsement of the proposition was properly and quickly followed up by representations to Washington. He would do all in his power to further the project.

Secretary Paris then read a letter from Governor Carter, enclosing statement of a project for the holding of a Consular Convention in Honolulu in 1907. The communication asked that the association adopt some resolution expressing its approval of the plan and recommended that in the event of the association passing resolutions of approval they be sent to Delegate Kuhio.

On A. Gantley's motion seconded by R. Trent it was decided that the directors of the association should draw up and forward to Secretary Root, a resolution requesting the support of the administration in holding a Panpacific Consular Congress between October, 1907, and January, 1908.

Another motion was made to cable to G. B. McClellan asking him to attend the Industrial Convention to be held in Washington next Tuesday and to confer with F. M. Hatch with a view to his being present also. These gentlemen will represent the Merchants' Association. The cablegram will serve as a credential and will give Messrs. McClellan and Hatch status on the floor of the convention whereby they will be able to give the matter of the conference valuable publicity.

E. A. McNerny thought that possible friction might be avoided if the cable were addressed to Delegate Kuhio. He argued that if he were good enough to represent Hawaii politically he should be equally well-fitted to do so commercially. He wouldn't be there, it was true, but it was for the looks of the thing that he made his suggestion.

McNerny's suggestion was adopted. The matter of corporation exhibits was then taken up.

J. W. Wakefield suggested a form covering statistics of capital, bonds, officers, stock, assets and liabilities. Such figures sworn to by an officer of the corporation would prove to the treasurer if the corporation were solvent or otherwise.

The chair stated that returns would have to be made for the years 1905 and 1906.

Fred. Macfarlane moved that the

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## Progressive Ruler of Persia Is Dead



THE NEW SHAH OF PERSIA.

(Associated Press Cablegram.)

TEHERAN, January 9.—The Shah died yesterday. His son, the Crown Prince, who has been acting as regent during the lingering illness of his father, has assumed the throne.

The Persian ruler, who had sought to give his subjects a constitutional government, had been ill for months, his illness having taken an alarming turn two weeks ago. The ruler had a fainting spell from which his physicians were unable to restore him. No international complications are expected to follow his death as the succession passes to his son who has been the virtual ruler since the early illness of the Shah.

## THE COMMERCIAL CLUB TAKES LEASE

### Gas Party Gives Way on the Question of Electric Light Service.

Gas was downed yesterday in order that the Commercial Club might live. It will be remembered that at a meeting of that organization the other day it was decided to reject the lease for the club's quarters in the new McCandless building at the corner of King and Bethel streets. The reason for this action was the insistence by the McCandless brothers that only electricity should be used for illuminating purposes. The club had no particular objection to the use of electricity, but they did not want to be told that they would use electric lights or go around in the dark.

After it was decided by a small majority to reject the lease, a fear sprang up in the breasts of a few of the members that the organization might disband in the event of suitable quarters not being found at an early date. Several places were suggested, but nothing that was suitable was available, consequently a movement tending to a reconsideration of the vote was started. It was shown to one of those who voted against the acceptance of the lease that the owners of the building had yielded every point until it came to the question of lighting, and there Mr. McCandless, who is president of the Hawaiian Electric Light Co., balked. When this was made clear to the members he said he would propose a reconsideration of the vote if a meeting was called.

The time set was four o'clock yesterday afternoon, and beside a liberal attendance of the members, there were proxies to burn, and every one in favor of reconsideration. In order that the matter might be brought before the meeting, Mr. von Holt moved that a committee be appointed to select a new site for the club's quarters. There was a lively discussion of this question before a vote was taken and in the meantime Mr. Lydecker moved that the vote at the previous session be reconsidered. The chair informed the mover that another motion was before the house, and it must be disposed of before another could have attention. The first was then put and Messrs. von Holt, and Morgan were the only persons voting

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## SUBSIDY BILL IS A NECESSITY

### The Failure to Pass It May Result in the Oceanic's Withdrawal.

S. F. Commercial.—It is said that plans for the withdrawal of the Oceanic Steamship Company from the Australasian trade have been decided upon in the event of a failure of Congress to pass a law for encouragement of traffic with foreign countries. For years the Oceanic's efforts to promote trade in the South Pacific has resulted in considerable loss, the wealthy corporation, which has been for years expending private resources to sustain the company, considering that further sacrifices would be required to continue the traffic without a prospect of recovering the large amount involved unless some additional aid was extended. A patriotic impulse has been influential in continuing the Oceanic on its present lines, but running steamship lines at a loss is not business, and the decision has been finally reached to withdraw from the costly experience and employ the magnificent steamers engaged in the traffic in more profitable business.

The financial situation of the Oceanic Steamship Company is about as follows:

Bond issue	\$2,400,000
Floating indebtedness, estimated	2,250,000
Total	\$4,650,000

Against this indebtedness the company has five steamers, the Ventura, Sierra and Sonoma running on the Australasian route, the Mariposa to Tahiti, and the Alameda making regular trips to Hawaii. The two last steamers are engaged in a fairly profitable traffic, but the Australian line is run on a loss of at least \$300,000 a year. The fleet aggregates gross tonnage of 24,811, and is in first-class condition in every respect. The vessels cost, new, \$3,450,000 without equipment, and large amounts have recently been spent on the three which

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## CITIZENS TAKE LAW IN THEIR OWN HANDS AT NORTH YAKIMA

### Washingtonians Raid Coal Train and Seize Needed Fuel--Mexican Troops Ride Down Riotous Strikers.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

NORTH YAKIMA, Washington, January 9.—A coal train was raided here yesterday by citizens, who took forcible possession of twenty cars of coal.

For the past few weeks there has been a scarcity of coal throughout the Middle and Northwestern States, amounting in some districts to a famine and resulting in much suffering and loss of life. A threatened investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission resulted in the railroads promising to relieve the situation, which had resulted from the holding back of trains, but many complaints have been coming from the Northwest that the railroads are not living up to their promises. The state of affairs must be desperate when the citizens of a town as large as North Yakima are compelled to take the law into their own hands and forcibly seize fuel to keep themselves from freezing.

## DESPERATE BATTLE OF STRIKERS AND TROOPS

ORIZABA, Mexico, January 9.—The striking textile workers here started a riot yesterday, being charged by the troops ordered out to suppress the disorder. In the fighting which followed thirty of the rioters were killed and eighty wounded.

## SENATOR CLARK'S SUCCESSOR NAMED.

HELENA, Montana, January 9.—The election of Congressman Dixon, to succeed Senator W. A. Clark, is assured.

Congressman Joseph M. Dixon was a member of the Montana state legislature in 1900 and was later elected as Congressman-at-Large for the 1903-7 term. He is a Republican. He was a member of the legislature which elected Clark to the Senate, an election which was marked by charges and counter-charges of bribery, Clark resigning before the Senate could investigate the charges.

## FATAL FIGHT OF LONGSHOREMEN.

EUREKA, California, January 9.—In a clash between union and non-union longshoremen here yesterday one man was killed and two others fatally injured.

## AFTERNOON CABLE REPORT.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., January 8.—The message of the Governor received today by the legislature, favors separate education for Japanese and white children in the schools of the state.

DENVER, January 8.—Governor Buchtel was inaugurated today. The ceremony took place in the Methodist church.

NEW YORK, January 8.—The Congressional Committee has returned from its visit to the Isthmus. They report that they believe that Chinese labor on the Canal is not necessary.

HELENA, Montana, January 8.—Governor Toole was inaugurated today.

BOISE, Idaho, January 8.—Governor Gooding was inaugurated today.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 8.—The House Sub-committee today agreed to an amendment to the Chinese Exclusion Law, providing for an inspection of boats at the ports of embarkation and landing.

## NEARLY THREE THOUSAND JAPANESE FOR JANUARY

The Minister of Foreign Affairs has communicated to the local Governors that the number of free immigrants to Hawaii, to be dealt with by the various immigration companies during January next, has been decreased to 2975, excluding wives, and children under 12 years.

In this connection we note in a San Francisco paper:

OAKLAND, December 5.—George Kennan, the distinguished author and war correspondent, who is studying the Japanese question in California, has decided views on the subject as far as it affects the possibility of a clash at arms between the Island Empire and the United States.

Kennan said: "I am here as a student of the situation and I am not ready to express myself in this regard. But if the Pacific Coast, and California especially, desires to escape being over-

run by Japanese the only proper course to pursue would be to request the Government at Washington to open negotiations with Japan looking toward restrictions being placed by Japan herself upon the class and quantity of emigrants leaving that country for these shores. That would be the wiser course, instead of putting up the bars against them on this side.

"Regarding the eventual probability of war arising between the two countries for the supremacy of the Pacific, why should we fight for it? Because both America and England use the Atlantic Ocean must they fight for supremacy? Is not the Pacific broad enough for both? The supremacy of the Pacific on commercial lines will be won by the best brains and the best organization."

#### MAIL TO COAST TODAY.

The S. S. Moana is due today from the Colonies. She will depart in the afternoon for Victoria and Vancouver. Mail sent by her will reach any part of the mainland ahead of the next regular mail steamer to San Francisco.